

## Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Clinical Biochemical Genetics Fellowship.*—The University of Utah Health Sciences Center invites applications for a 3-year fellowship position in clinical biochemical genetics starting July 1, 2005. The medical genetics program at the University of Utah was established in 1978 and currently offers training programs in clinical genetics, molecular genetics, cytogenetics, and biochemical genetics, all of which are accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG). Fellows in the program have the opportunity to work with a diverse group of clinicians (dysmorphologists, medical geneticists, biochemical geneticists, and neurologists), laboratory-based biochemical geneticists, pathologists, and molecular biologists. The biochemical genetics laboratory is part of ARUP Laboratories, a national reference laboratory owned by the University of Utah. It features a wide spectrum of analyses on biological specimens, performed by gas chromatography, ion-exchange chromatography, tandem mass spectrometry, high-performance liquid chromatography, enzymology, and various spectrophotometric methods. Services include pediatric and adult testing for aminoacidopathies, organic acidemias, fatty-acid oxidation disorders, and other inherited metabolic diseases, in addition to newborn screening. Research and development are directed toward both the development of new diagnostic tests for inborn errors of metabolism and the elucidation of the molecular bases/pathophysiology of inborn errors of metabolism. Prospective trainees in clinical biochemical genetics must have an M.D. or a Ph.D. in a relevant basic science (biochemistry, molecular biology, clinical chemistry, genetics, human genetics, etc.). Ph.D. candidates with at least 2 years of postdoctoral research experience

are preferred. M.D. candidates will normally have at least 2 years of full-time training in a residency program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The training program satisfies the requirements for the ABMG examination in clinical biochemical genetics. All applicants should send a copy of their curriculum vitae, the names of three references, and a one-page letter with career goals to Nicola Longo, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Genetics/Pediatrics, University of Utah, 2C412 SOM, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; telephone: (801) 585-2457; fax: (801) 585-7252; e-mail: [Nicola.Longo@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Nicola.Longo@hsc.utah.edu)

*Director of Education.*—The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) has established a new position of Director of Education to implement programs to address the vision of genetic literacy in the classroom as well as in the general public. The Director will work with the Executive Vice President, under the direction of the officers and the Board, to achieve the goals of ASHG, including making genetics-education programs and materials more accessible to all classrooms. ASHG, the primary professional organization for researchers and clinicians in the field, has a strong commitment to educational goals. The duties of the Director will include (1) providing staffing for the Information and Education Committee, (2) initiating and enhancing partnerships with organizations that focus on teaching science in grades K–12, (3) enhancing capabilities of the Mentor Network of volunteer members, (4) planning professional development programs, and (5) procuring funding to implement programs. The ideal candidate will have an M.S. or a Ph.D. in genetics or a related field and experience in developing educational programs and materials. Requirements include outstanding written and oral communication, grant-writing skills, and demonstrated ability to lead projects. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a letter of interest, and the names of three potential references to Joann Boughman either by e-mail, [tojboughman@ashg.org](mailto:tojboughman@ashg.org), or by mail, to the following address: Joann Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to [ajhg@emory.edu](mailto:ajhg@emory.edu). Submission must be received *at least 7 weeks* before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a 1½-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is *250 words*, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Review of applications will begin in March 2005, and the position may start as early as June 1, 2005.

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*Program Associate.*—The Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic and Craniofacial Anomalies Research Center seeks a program associate to identify and enroll patients in birth-defects research projects and to provide genetic evaluation in the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic. The program associate will also conduct clinical, educational, administrative, and liaison activities as directed and will maintain a database of demographic, clinical, and genetic information on patients enrolled in genetic research studies. Basic qualifications include a master's degree in genetic counseling with board certification/board eligibility as a genetic counselor, a masters degree in nursing with an emphasis on genetics and a license to practice in Iowa, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Desirable qualifications include reasonable experience in research, a background in research activities related to craniofacial or other birth defects, phlebotomy skills, computer experience with Microsoft Office, some grant-writing experience, excellent organizational skills, and demonstrated oral and written communication and interpersonal skills. Applicants should submit a resume to Cindy Feters/#51184, 2625 JCP, University of Iowa, Department of Pediatrics, 200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52242-1083. The University of Iowa is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages women and minorities to apply.

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*Postdoctoral Research Fellows.*—Positions for postdoctoral research fellows are available, to start between April 2005 and September 2005, in the Department of Dermatology at Columbia University. The laboratory is highly international, and its members have broad interests in skin and hair-follicle biology, as well as in translational research aimed at therapies for genetic skin diseases. The successful applicants will be involved in one of two main projects in the group. The first project is aimed at the genetic mapping of mouse and human disease genes for both Mendelian and complex disorders involving skin and/or hair phenotypes. The individual should have experience in statistical genetics for linkage analysis, molecular biology techniques, cytogenetics, FISH, genotyping, in situ hybridization, and RT-PCR and should have proficiency with genomic databases, etc. Good communication skills are also beneficial in dealing with genetic counselors and clinical colleagues. Another position is available in the area of stem-cell biology. Our laboratory's main focus is the study of epidermal and hair-follicle stem cells. Specific areas of

knowledge that are a plus include cell, developmental, and molecular biology, as well as past work with in vitro and in vivo mouse models. Good written and oral communication skills are desirable. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and two or three references to Dr. Angela M. Christiano, Departments of Dermatology and Genetics and Development, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 630 West 168th Street VC15-204, New York, NY 10032; telephone: (212) 305-9565; fax: (212) 305-7391; e-mail: amc65@columbia.edu

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*Assistant/Associate Professor.*—The Division of Medical Genetics in the Department of Child Health at the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Medicine is seeking a full-time assistant/associate professor on either the clinical or tenure track. Candidates should have expertise in the clinical and laboratory diagnosis and treatment of children with metabolic disorders. Applicants must be board-certified/board-eligible in medical genetics and must also be board-certified in either pediatrics or internal medicine; applicants must have a record of medical and academic excellence. The successful applicant will join a busy Medical Genetics Division and will be responsible for (1) managing the metabolic genetics program, including clinics in Columbia and at outreach locations throughout rural Missouri; (2) directing the metabolic screening laboratory; and (3) participating in the Medical Genetics Clinic. The Childrens Hospital at University of Missouri Health Care has >100 inpatient beds, a wide variety of pediatric medical and surgical subspecialists, and comprehensive laboratory services. The department will begin screening applications immediately. Please direct all inquiries—as well as your letters of reference and curriculum vitae—to Bert Bachrach, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Child Health, Columbia, MO 65212; e-mail: bachrachb@missouri.edu. We also invite you to visit our Web site (<http://www.genetics.missouri.edu/>). Columbia, MO, has a lot to offer you! Visit the Chamber of Commerce Web site (<http://chamber.columbia.mo.us/visitors.html>) for additional information. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity employer and complies with the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The department welcomes applications from underrepresented physician groups. For ADA accommodations, please contact our ADA coordinator; telephone: (573) 884-8278.

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*UCLA Intercampus Medical Genetics and Pediatric Genetics Training Programs.*—The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) intercampus postdoctoral research and clinical training programs in medical genetics

utilize the resources of the university's affiliated campuses and teaching hospitals to offer academically oriented individuals a wide variety of clinical and/or research opportunities in molecular genetics, biochemical genetics, immunogenetics, cancer genetics, cytogenetics, somatic cell genetics, and population genetics. Five-year combined pediatric/medical genetics residencies are also available at each of the affiliated hospitals, and applications are accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service. These programs meet all the requirements of the American Board of Medical Genetics and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Applicants must have an M.D., a Ph.D., a D.D.S., or an equivalent degree. Application forms are available from Patricia Kearney, Coordinator, Academic Affairs, Medical Genetics Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 8700 Beverly Boulevard, West Tower 665, Los Angeles, CA 90048; application forms and additional information can also be found on our Web site (<http://www.uclamedgeneticspostdoc.org>).

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#### CONFERENCE

*Jefferson Matrix Biology Days 2005.*—The 12th International Symposium on Basement Membranes will be held at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA, on June 15–18, 2005. The conference is sponsored by the Lennox K. Black International Prize for Excellence in Medicine, in memory of Rupert Timpl. A special Matrix Biology Symposium will be held to honor Darwin J. Prockop. For further information on the programs, topics, abstract submissions/deadlines, and hotel accommodations and to register for this event, please visit our Web site (<http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/matrixbiology2005>) or contact Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Executive Secretary; telephone: (215) 503-5786; fax: (215) 503-5788; e-mail: [eileen.oshaughnessy@jefferson.edu](mailto:eileen.oshaughnessy@jefferson.edu)